

EXAMINER 'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Dana B. LeMoine on 06-25-09.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Claim 33, line 2, after "(WPAN)", insert --- from a portable computer ---.

Claim 33, line 9, change "downloading email" to --- synchronizing an email from the portable computer with email in a corporate network server connecting to the network ---.

Claim 38, line 1, after "instruction", insert --- for synchronizing information in a portable computer with information in a corporate network server ---.

Reason for Allowance

2. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding claims 8, 12, 14-18, and 38-44, the prior art fails to teach or suggest a method of synchronizing information in a portable computer with information in a corporate network server comprising the steps of receiving at the portable computer a request over a wireless personal area network (WPAN) to search for networks other than the WPAN, the request originating from a handheld WPAN enabled device; connecting to the corporate network server

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using the network other than the WPAN in response to the command; and synchronizing the information in the portable computer with the information in the corporate network server. , in combination with other limitations, as specified in the independent claims 8, and 38.

Regarding claims 33-35, the prior art fails to teach or suggest a method comprising the steps of searching for a network connection other than a wireless personal area network (WPAN) from a portable computer; connecting to the network other than the WPAN in response to the request; and synchronizing an email from the portable computer with email in a corporate network server connecting to the network, in combination with other limitations, as specified in the independent claim 33.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Duc Ho whose telephone number is (571) 272-3147. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm.

If attempt to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel, can be reached on (571) 272-2988.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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